

Waccamaw Conference Strong In Grid Openers

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

The Waccamaw 2-A Conference looked impressive going 4-1-1 in the opening week of the high school football season last Friday. Only Fairmont and South Robeson were idle last week but open Friday against a pair of nonconference opponents.

Included in the four league wins was West Brunswick's 55-26 rout of 1-A Orrum. The 55-point performance by the Trojans was the second-highest in North Carolina last week as only Garner's 61-0 over Durham was higher.

West Brunswick will have an open date Friday to reload its potent Dick Sheridan-style offense (patterned after the N.C. State Wolfpack) before returning to action September 11 hosting Topsail.

Another impressive league triumph also involved a county team. North Brunswick blanked Topsail 21-0 for the school's first shutout in 18 games.

The Scorpions will seek their second consecutive win for the first time in recent years Friday traveling to Hallsboro.

Perhaps the conference's most impressive win was Whiteville's 15-13 edging of 4-A Scotland County.

The Fighting Scots was Whiteville's toughest opening opponent in years and the Wolfpack rose to the occasion. Whiteville has an open date Friday before returning to face 1-A foes Hallsboro and Tabor City prior to beginning conference play.

East Bladen also recorded a shutout, a 13-0 blanking of 1-A power Clarkton. The Cougars used the win to serve notice to all Waccamaw Conference teams that they are indeed improved as had been rumored.

If the Cougars can get by Clinton Friday, a win over Bladenboro the following week would put East Bladen unbeaten entering its league opener against West Brunswick.

South Brunswick suffered its second-straight opening loss to Pender in a 17-13 defeat to the Patriots.

Although South Brunswick fell to

Pender last season, the Cougs rebounded to win 10 straight enroute to their WC championship and the state playoffs. South Brunswick followers are in hopes of another win streak for the '87 season.

West Brunswick battled to a 12-12 tie with Acme-Delco in the only other game involving a Waccamaw member. The Vikings were upset by the Trojans in last year's opener and never gained momentum as West Brunswick finished a disappointing 4-6 after qualifying for the state playoffs in '85.

Both South Robeson and Fairmont open Friday against a pair of smaller 1-A teams.

South Robeson will travel to Red Springs while Fairmont will host Orrum in a battle of neighboring Robeson County schools.

Last Week's Results

West Brunswick 55, Orrum 26; North Brunswick 21, Topsail 0; Pender 17, South Brunswick 13; Whiteville 15, Scotland County 13; East Bladen 13, Clarkton 0; West Columbus 12, Acme-Delco 12; South Robeson open; Fairmont open.

Friday's Games

North Brunswick at Hallsboro; South Brunswick at Hoggard; East Bladen at Clinton; South Robeson at Red Springs; Orrum at Fairmont; West Brunswick open; Whiteville open; West Columbus open.

Meetings Scheduled

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association will again hold a series of fall regional meetings across the state beginning September 21 at eight different geographical sites.

The local Region II meeting will be held at Swansboro on Wednesday, Sept. 23 which includes all Brunswick County officials (principals, athletic directors, etc.).

Among items to be discussed will be conference realignments, reports on the NCHSAA's Alcohol and Drug Defense Program, athletic directors' reports and a host of various other committee reports.

W. Brunswick Girls Open Tennis Play Tuesday

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

The West Brunswick Lady Trojans open their fall tennis season Tuesday against Waccamaw 2-A Conference foe East Bladen. The match will be one of 14 against league opponents this season as West Brunswick seeks to improve upon last year's third-place conference finish.

West Brunswick has won league championships four of the last six years but will be hard-pressed to battle its way to the top this season.

"We are going to have to really work hard this season to improve within the conference," said West Brunswick coach Jerry Small. "South Brunswick, South Robeson and Whiteville will all be strong and return a lot of top players."

Senior Lee Scarborough will begin the season at the top-ranked singles

position replacing graduated April Causey. Causey was the number one singles player a year ago and teamed with Scarborough to win the 2-A regional doubles championship in '86. "We will be looking to Lee for leadership throughout the season," said Small.

Pressing Scarborough at the top position will be second-ranked Kelly Ward. Ward, a junior, returns plenty of experience from a year ago also.

Another junior, Karen Lominac, will be at the number three single position after seeing considerable action last season.

While the top three singles positions are solid, Small sees the remaining fourth, fifth and sixth spots a toss up.

"Candy Hewett, Felicia Gore and Maria Jackson appear to have the

best chances at the top six singles positions right now," added Small.

Rounding out the Lady Trojans is senior Gretchen Elliott, sophomores Tania Butler, Erin Cavado and Elizabeth Thomas and freshmen Heather Bolick and Marci Seagle.

West Brunswick was scheduled to scrimmage several of the top women amateur players in the area earlier this week in preparation for next week's opener.

"I believe after the scrimmage match we will know a little more about ourselves and determine areas of the game where we need work."

Returning to assist Small with the Lady Trojans this season is Brierwood Golf Course tennis pro Jim Parsons.

West Brunswick Lady Trojans

1987 Tennis Schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 8	at East Bladen
Sept. 10	Whiteville
Sept. 14	at Fairmont
Sept. 16	South Robeson
Sept. 21	at North Brunswick
Sept. 23	at West Columbus
Sept. 28	South Brunswick
Sept. 30	East Bladen
Oct. 5	at Whiteville
Oct. 7	Fairmont
Oct. 12	at South Robeson
Oct. 14	North Brunswick
Oct. 19	West Columbus
Oct. 21	at South Brunswick
Oct. 28-29	at Regional Tourney (UNC-W)
Nov. 4-5	State Tournament

All opponents are Waccamaw Conference members. All matches begin at 4 p.m.

Pender Surprises South Brunswick 17-13

The Pender Patriots played spoiler once again in South Brunswick's football season opener last Friday. The host Patriots, under first-year coach and former NFL player Melvin Butts, took their third-straight opening win from the defending Waccamaw 2-A Conference champion Cougars 17-13.

Junior tailback Kevin Nicholson led the ground-oriented Pat offense with 206 yards on 31 carries and Pender's second touchdown of the game. Nicholson also caught two passes from quarterback John Dixon for 27 more yards.

It was Nicholson who keyed Pender's first scoring drive in the opening period. The Pats went 80

yards on 13 plays in a drive that consumed over six minutes of the quarter.

Nicholson carried nine times in the drive for 53 yards which Dixon capped with a three-yard scoring run.

Pender took advantage of a South Brunswick fumble on the Cougars' first possession of the contest and turned the miscue into another score.

Defensive end Gary Hansley recovered the Cougar turnover at the South Brunswick 27 yard line and four plays later Nicholson scored on a two-yard run. Suddenly, with 2:15 left in the first quarter, the Pats were ahead 14-0.

The Cougars closed the gap to 14-7

on its next possession, a 10-play, 67-yard scoring drive. Fullback Charles Summers scored from the six-yard line and then kicked the extra point with 9:13 remaining in the second quarter.

Pender closed out its scoring just before halftime on Vaughn Cowan's 33-yard field goal. The Pats drove from their own 38 yard line to the South Brunswick 16 before the Cougar defense stopped the rally.

The Cougars used a Pender turnover early in the second half for their final touchdown. Defensive back Patrick Bryant intercepted a Dixon pass on Pender's first possession and returned it to the Patriot 28 yard line.

Halfback Chris King scored from the four yard line three plays later for the score. Summers added the extra point for the final margin with 5:49 to play in the third quarter.

Penalties negated two apparent South Brunswick touchdowns in both halves of the game. A 68-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Quentin McCracken to tight end Scott Gales was called back in the final two minutes of the first half. Also McCracken's 63-yard scoring run late in the final period was returned as well.

Both teams continue non-conference play Friday as South Brunswick visits Hoggard (7:30 p.m.) and Pender hosts Wake Forest (8 p.m.)

RECREATION BRIEFS

Fall Coed Softball Offered

A fall coed softball league is being formed by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

If there's enough interest, said Athletic Director Doug White, leagues will be formed to play at both the Supply and Smithville parks.

To sign up, call White by Friday, Sept. 4, at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

Soccer Begins Sept 5

Boys and girls ages seven through 13 can register for youth soccer Saturday, Sept. 5, at 10 a.m. at Smithville Township Park.

A \$10 fee is charged for this program, sponsored by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

Also youth soccer coaches are still needed, with a refresher clinic planned.

Lifesaving Offered

Senior live saving classes begin this month at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly pool at Fort Caswell, co-sponsored with the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

Class begin around Sept. 8. A \$16 fee includes instruction and required materials.

For more information contact Emma Thomas at the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

Painting Taught

Dorothy Suggs of Shallotte Point will teach pen and ink, decorative painting on canvas and country painting on wood in a class for the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

Scorpions Shut Out Topsail In Opener 21-0

Quarterback Anthony Mosley ran for one touchdown and threw for another while running back Laverne Holiday ran for 130 yards to lead North Brunswick past Topsail 21-0 Friday in the football opener for both teams.

The win snapped a six-game losing streak for the host Scorpions dating back to last season. The shutout for North Brunswick was also its first in 18 games.

Mosley (5-9, soph.) scored the first Scorpion touchdown on a two-yard run and later completed a 20-yard scoring strike to receiver James Grady.

Holiday scored the final North Brunswick touchdown on a 20-yard dash.

Both teams continue non-conference play Friday as North Brunswick travels to Hallsboro and Topsail visits North Duplin. Both games begin at 8 p.m.

Brierwood Women Play Point Event

Twenty-four women played in the Brierwood Ladies Golf Association's Aug. 25 "Bingle-Bangle-Bongle."

In this point event, bingle represents the first on a green, one point; bangle, the one closest to the hole, one point; and Bongle, the first in the cup, one point.

Finishers by flight were as follows: First Flight—Ann Hierman, first, 24 points; Nearle Einstein, second, 19 points; and Anne Causer, third, 18 points; Second Flight—Lucille Martin, first, 23 points; Marion Johnson, second, 21 points; Inky Remais, third, 20 points; Third Flight—Thelma Speidel, first on a match of cards, 19 points; Ester Smith, second, 19 points; and Marion Corbin, third, 17 points.

Marge Harper had low putts for the day with 28.


Match Play Ends

The Association's matchplay championship ended Aug. 18.

Ann Hierman and Glenda Crook were winner and runner-up respectively in the championship flight.


Other winners and runners-up in-

cluded Anne Causer and Nel Justice, first flight; Anne Gentles and Toni Iossi, second flight; Maureen Farley and Jane Fleig, third flight; and Dorothy Frey and Lou Akers, fourth flight.



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